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OAP's charity shop which raised Africa aid has new local cause

Kathleen's mission to help homeless

By CATHERINE PYE

A pensioner who has raised thousands of pounds for leprosy sufferers in Africa is bringing her fundraising efforts closer to home. Kathleen Ramsden, 77, has

decided to dedicate the proceeds of her charity shop, in High Street, Rishton, to Nightsafe – a Black-burn-based charity for homeless young people, aged 16 to 24.

Mrs Ramsden decided to transfer her attention from Third World causes after the death of Father Luis Ruiz, who ran a Jesuit mission in London, and after reading about increasing homelessness in our sister newspaper, the Lanc-

ashire Telegraph.

She said: "The priest died aged 98, and they said that after raising £11,000 I had done enough. Then I looked at the paper and saw that there were more homeless people these days. I was warm in my bed and I said 'God help those sleeping out tonight'. It's a marvellous cause and I'm looking forward to working for them.

Mrs Ramsden, of Victoria Street, Clayton-le-Moors, hopes she can

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donate proceeds of sales, and also gifts of clothing and furniture to the users of Nightsafe. She has run her shop since 2005.

despite health problems and having a disabled daughter to care for.

She said: "If I can get out of bed in the morning, then I'm okay. I like to keep going. More people my age

should get a job. If I didn't do this, then I'd be bored out of my mind.

Linda Sharratt, operations manager for Nightsafe, said: "Kathleen has supported us in the past and we've benefited a lot from it. She's an amazing, generous woman and we're all very pleased she wants to dedicate her shop to Nightsafe.'

raising funds for Nightsafe Kathleen, originally from County Donegal, went to work in London as a nurse when she was 18. She moved to Lancashire when

If you can help Kathleen with donations, call 01254 239246.

Allotment rent rise could be reviewed

Angry allotment tenants in Hyndburn were told planned rent rises could be **STORY** reviewed if a 3 sustainable way to fund the plots was

HUGH'S ACOUSTIC SET

Cornwell, exguitarist and singer with Stranglers, is to play an acoustic show at Darwen's Library Theatre on Sunday



LEISURE 15

Tobacco 'danger

Youngsters are putting their health at risk by chewing tobacco meant for shisha pipes, according to councillors in Blackburn and Darwen.



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she married a Lancashire lad and she has six children, and six grandchildren.

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people took to the streets of Blackburn to celebrate the birth of the Prophet Moĥammed. Crowds gathered outside the Medina mosque, in Oak Street, walking through the Whalley Range and Shear

Homes and jobs vision gets nod

By EMMA CRUCES

Plans to create a six-acre homes and business development have been given the go-ahead.

The plans would see the demoli-

tion of a 1920s mill at Marlborough Road, in Accrington, and 91 homes, plus office buildings, built on the site. The project is from one of Hyndburn's biggest employers, Express Gifts.

It is also expected to create jobs, both through the expansion of Express Gifts, and by creating new workplace premises. Express Gifts' parent company Findel said with the scale, and nature, of the pro-posal now backed by Hyndburn Council, the site is now being mar-

keted to residential developers.
Paul Richards, Findel head of group property, said: "We have worked very closely and effectively with Hyndburn Council to ensure the Hambledon Mill site will be developed sensitively, and in accordance with the needs of the town of Accrington.
"The development will provide

much-needed housing, together with new jobs for the town, and will be a significant, and welcome, boost for the local economy in these challenging times.

"It is important that such a wellknown local site is brought back into use."

The proposed scheme provides 23 four-bedroom detached houses; 45 three-bedroom semi-detached houses: 13 two-bedroom semidetached; and 10 two-bedroom bungalows, with ancillary business units.

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Government lose high court battle - what this means?

The judgement means customers who have installed solar panels since Dec 12, and those who intend to install systems before March 3rd, will receive the higher Feed In Tariff rates for the full 25 years. However, ustomers who register after 3rd March will qualify for the current higher rate until April 1st, when the Feed In Tariff will drop to lower rates as set out in the October 31st announcements

Along with the reduced FIT rates that the Government are enforcing, from 31st March 2012 you will need to possess an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) Level C if you wish to install solar panels on your

To ensure that you have time for installation before the EPC deadline of the 31st March 2012, you will need to have your system registered by the 3rd March 2012

Managing Director Robert Barnard of Smart Pv, said "four judges, including three in the Court of Appeal, have now ruled the Governments actions illegal. That's a 4-0 victory and a decisive ruling that the Government may not make retrospective changes to the FIT because as Lord Justice Moses concludes "to do so would take away an existing entitlement without statutory authority."

The simple facts of the matter are that 18 months ago, a 4KW system for a tiled roof cost around £18,000. Costs for a 4KW system for a tiled roof have now fallen to around £9,000 fitted. With massively reduced prices on PV equipment, the new 21 pence FIT rate (which will be introduced in April 2012) still provides a fantastic return on investment.

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Talk on humorous side of clergy life

Canon RJ Brunswick will speak about the humorous side of clergy life when Blackburn and East Lancashire Breast Care Support Group meets at Beardwood Hospital, Blackburn, a Tuesday, February 7.

Hospital, Blackburn, at 7pm on Tuesday, February 7.
All ladies who have had a diagnosis of breast cancer are

welcome at the monthly meetings. Contact Ruth Loft, above, on 01254 262324, or email ruth.loft@btinternet. com for further information.

Go potty in park

A Pottery in the Park open day will be held at Witton Park, Blackburn, on Saturday, February 11. The business is opening its doors and running a free pottery activity, from 1pm to 4pm. Meet at the park visitor centre.

20mph zones plan

An online consultation is to gather feedback on plans to slow traffic in Oswaldtwistle.

Lancashire County
Council has announced that 20mph zones are to be rolled out in the Broadfield,
Thwaites Road, Hargreaves Road, and West End areas. A consultation process is to open shortly at www.lancashire.gov.uk/20mph



Allotment rents rise: Rethink hope

By NAFEESA SHAN

Angry allotment tenants were told rent rises could be reviewed if a sustainable way to fund the plots was found.

Tenants from allotments across Hyndburn attended a public meeting set up after Hyndburn Council announced annual rents would be increased.

Some allotment holders said they faced hikes of 100per cent, if not higher.

During the questionand-answer session with Coun Ciaran Wells, who oversees the council's 620 allotments, people wanted to know why rents were due to rise from January next year, then on an annual basis until 2016.

More than 60 allotment holders filled the meeting room, in Baxenden Conservative Club, Manchester Road, with many left in the hallway and on the stairs.

Chairman Cathy Holmes, from the Baxenden Association, had to call for order countless times during the rowdy meeting. Allotment holders challenged Coun Wells why the rents would be increased, and accused

the council of 'pricing people off'.

Rents have not risen over the last decade but the Labour group, now in charge of the council, said that capital funding would not be available to support the plots and alternative revenue streams were needed.

To make up the deficit, the council has notified all allotment holders that rents would be increased

Many said they had not received any maintenance services from the council for years.

Coun Wells vowed that the council would help find funding grants to pump money into the areas, even though calls were made to rescind the rent rises.

One resident proposed that each tenant gave £1 to pay for a solicitor to take the council to court.

At the end of the meeting, Coun Wells said: "Increasing the rents is up for review and I will look into the services that have not been provided. We need to work out a much more sustainable allotment service."

Another meeting will be held on February 21 to discuss any developments.



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On song: Young Voices



CHOIR: Avondale Primary School, Darwen, took part in this year's Young Voices concert at the Manchester Arena, the 'Big Sing', which attracts school choirs from across the North West Front, from left, are Amber Quinn, Alexander Pickup and Hannah Reid. Back, Paige Denham, Chloe Brindle, and Libby Meadowcroft.

'Honoured' to represent the Queen DELIGHTED: Kamruddin Kothia

By JON LIVESEY

A Blackburn businessman has told of his 'great honour' at being made a Deputy Lieutenant of Lancashire.

Kamruddin Kothia is one of six new Deputy Lieutenants appointed by the Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire to assist him in representing The Queen.

Lord Shuttleworth also selected Bill Beaumont and David Cam from Lyth-am, Carole Cochrane, from Hesketh Bank, Diane Duke, from Lancaster, and Robert Webb, from Carnforth.

Mr Kothia, who is managing director of eBusiness UK Ltd, based at Capricorn Park, in Blakewater Road, is also chairman of governors at Tauheedul Islam Girls' High School. He said: "It's a great honour and I'm delighted to be appointed. I guess I have been involved in quite a bit of community work in the recent past, so I guess it is because of that." The new deputies join around 50 others across

Businessman made a Deputy

Lieutenant of Lancashire

the county. The Office of Lord-Lieutenant dates back to the reign of Henry VIII, when the holder was responsible for the maintenance of order, and for military purposes relating to local

defence. Lord-Lieutenants Her Majesty's personal representative in a county, or area. Their prime duty is to uphold the dignity of the Crown, through functions such as arranging visits by members of the Royal family and escorting Royal visitors, presenting medals and awards like The Queen's Awards for Enterprise, on behalf of Her Majesty, and participating in civic, voluntary and social activities.

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Councillors plan streets clean-up

Councillors in the Whitehall area of Darwen are planning a clean-up of streets around Alfred Street, Portland Street and Maria Street. Councillors Karimeh and David Foster are looking to organise a community cleanrubbish has built

Bouncing babies

A Baby Bounce and Rhyme activity will be held at Accrington Library, in St James' Street, on Friday. Carers and their babies can join in the fun with songs, actions, and rhymes.
The half-hour session will

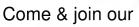
start at 10am, and admission is free. Call 01254 872385 for more information.

MP's surgery

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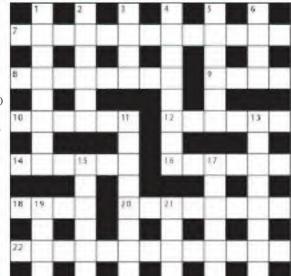
CitizenLeisure ... Crossword

CRYPTIC CLUES

- 7. Find niece's hat very fetching after being married for some time
- 8. Trained the river to flow back with
- a coin in (8) 9. Lone Ranger's Christmas (4)
- 10. Reds in uprising washed lightly (6) 12. A French city street is most pleasant (6)
- 14. Time and a change of schedule (6)
- 16. Rascal upset the sailor (6)18. Give it to a boy to prepare for
- publication (4) 20. Temporarily gave the girl a daffodil (4,4)
- 22. Taking a taxi to the pub? (6,2,5)

DOWN

- Require Heather to be annoying (8) 2. Responds concerning parts of a
- 3. Plaything returned to Oriental isle
- 4. Lad in car upset the holy man (8)
- 5. Eating out? (6) 6. Came over to the summit (4)
- 11. New ideal end for the time limit (8) Bird upsets rodents and fish (8).
- 15. Man I have found to be an indigenous 17. South Africa takes the French line on
- 19. You won't know if you're in it (4)
- 21. Midday either way uou look at it (4)



QUICK CLUES

Across

- 7. Copy (13) 8. Differ (8)
- 9 Notion (4)
- 10. Straight (6) 12. Sooner (6)
- 14. Vilify (6)
- 16. Oral (6)
- 20. Holiness (8) 22. Unreliable (13)

- 1. Contrivance (8)
- 2. Employ (6) 3. Blemish (4)
- 4. Guns (8)
- 6. Only (4) 11. Exchequer (8)
- 13. Final (8)
- 15. Sudden (6) 17. Excursion (6)
- 19. Equal (4)
- 21. Appellation (4)

Quick answers: Across: 7 Transcription; 8 Dissgree; 9 Ides; 10 Direct; 12 Rather; 14 Defame; 16 Spoken; 18 Engrage; 20 Sanctity; 22 Temperamerial. Down: 1 Artifice; 2 Engage; 3 Scar; 4 Firearms; 5 Strict; 6 Sole; 11 Treasury; 13 Eventual; 15 Abrupt; 17 Outing; 19 Peer; 21 Name.

Cryptic Answers: Across: 7 Seven-year itch; 8 Educaside; 9 Wole; 10 Binsed; 12 Wicest; 14 Agenda; 16 Lescer; 18 Edit; 20 Lent lilly; 22 Drivan to drink. Down: 1 Needling; 2 Reacts; 3 Eyot; 4 Cardinal; 5 Picnic; 6 Acme; 11 Deadline; 13 Starling; 15 Mative; 17 Salary; 19 Dark; 21 Woon.

petition

An E-petition against 'pay day' loan firms is being backed by Hyndburn MP Graham Jones, above. Signatures currently number 5,876. If successful, it will be considered for debate in the House of Commons. To sign the petition go to epetitions. direct.gov.uk/peti tions/20219

Choirs at service

The Rev Fleur Green will give a sermon called Let Justice prevail at St Peter's Church, Darwen, to mark World Day of Prayer, on Friday, March 2. The service will begin at 2pm, and there will be performances by the choirs of St Cuthbert's and St Joseph's Junior Schools, All welcome.

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Concert cash for cancer care

By **NEIL DOCKING**

A Valentine's Day concert will raise money for an innovative new 'skin cooling' treatment for East Lancashire cancer patients.

The Rosemere Cancer

The Rosemere Cancer Foundation is hosting the annual event, which remembers the lives of people affected by the disease, at Blackburn Cathedral, on Friday, February 10.

The concert is part of the charity's efforts to hit a £20,000 fundraising target to support projects in Lancashire and South Cumbria

Cumbria.
These include a £9,000 'skin cooling package' at Burnley General Hospital and Royal Blackburn Hospital.

Patients with superficial skin cancers, or precancerous skin lesions, can have them treated

Skydive

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GREAT NIGHT: The charity's chief officer Sue Thompson

effectively with a highintensity light source, or laser. However, during this process many people experience considerable discomfort from a sensation of severe burning.

The skin cooling package uses cold air to reduce this sensation and, in doing so, helps to increase the patient's tolerance

erance. Sue Thompson, the

The Stroke Association is

launching a Spring Leap

Skydive and wants people in East Lancashire to take

150 people to jump out of

part. The charity needs

planes at the same time

on Saturday, March 17.

charity's chief officer, said: "The Rosemere Cancer Foundation relies so much on the goodwill of our fundraisers and volunteers who work extremely hard to ensure cancer patients are able to be treated in their own area.

"The Valentine's Concert is a great opportunity for volunteers, fundraisers, patients, their friends and families, together with corporate supporters, to dress up and enjoy an entertaining night out.

"For just £15 you will enjoy a great night of entertainment, meet some brave, interesting, and wonderful people, while helping to raise money."

The concert, from 6.30pm, will be hosted by BBC Radio Lancashire's John Gillmore and feature a candlelit period of reflection. For tickets call 01772 522013

Eleven airfields are taking part, including Lancaster. Daredevils will

be attached to a

professional instructor.
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February 4. Call 0115 871

Pub to be demolished

The owner of Darwen metal fabricators WEC plans to knock down a 200-year-old pub 'as soon as he can'.

pub 'as soon as he can'. Steve Hartley's plans to demolish Old Rosins Inn, at Pickup Bank, and build his home there, were passed by Blackburn with Darwen Council planning committee.

WEC bought the 17th-century pub, hotel, and restaurant, as an investment, but had been unable to do anything with it. Now, Mr Hartley, who lives in Hoddlesden, will knock it down and build a luxury home on the land, complete with helipad. No date has been set for work to begin.





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SUPPORT: Sir Richard Branson with Darwen MP Jake Berry

Apprentices drive backed

By CATHERINE PYE

A project to create jobs for 100 people in 100 days has won the backing of Virgin entrepreneur Sir Richard Branson.

Sir Richard met with Darwen MP Jake Berry, whose '100 in 100' campaign, in conjunction with the National Apprenticeship Service and the Lancashire Work Based Learning Provider Forum, aims to increase the number of apprenticeships in Darwen

The project was being laun-

ched today (Wednesday).
Mr Berry said: "We have already had great support from local business.

"I got backing from Richard Branson during a recent meeting

meeting.

"Apprenticeships are a tremendous opportunity for employers and people of all ages

loyers and people of all ages. "We tend to think of apprenticeships as for young people, but that's absolutely not the case.

"Any apprentice can be any age, from 16 upwards, and can be an existing member of staff.

"Here in Darwen we're fortunate to have a great range of high-quality training providers, working with employers and keen to do more.

"So I'd encourage you to take a look at how apprenticeships could benefit your business."

Drivers warned

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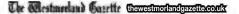
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Museum appeal

By EMMA CRUCES

A piece of Accrington's manufacturing history will feature in a new community museum.

Richard Kenyon helped bring jobs and prosperity to the town in the 1860s with his overhaul of the carpet sweeper design - the Ewbank.

Manufactured at the Entwistle and Kenyon works, in Hyndburn Road, the sweeper soon dominated the UK market.

By 1880, Ewbank sweepers were found in many homes, including Britain's royal pal-

Now Hyndburn Heritage and Community Group's supporters are celebrating after acquiring a wooden 'Ewbank Royal' to display as part of an upcoming exhibition.

The group is currently working to establish a community museum in Accrington.

It is collecting historical artefacts, and memorabilia, from the Hyndburn area, and keeping them in safe storage.

An exhibition is expected to feature in Accrington Market Hall towards the end of next month.

Anyone with an item of interest they are willing to loan, or contribute, is urged to get in touch, or take objects along to the next meeting this week.

To loan, or donate, artefacts or memorabilia, contact Angela Fryatt on 07931 484971, who will

arrange collection.

To find out more about the proposals for a community museum, join in the next meeting at Accrington Stanley tonight (Wednesday), starting at 7.30pm.



Tickets on sale for variety show

Tickets are still available for the tenth annual Blackburn with Darwen Mayor's Command Performance. The song and dance variety show will be

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Fears over kids chewing tobacco

By JON LIVESEY

Youngsters are putting their health at risk by chewing tobac-co meant for shisha pipes, according to councillors

Coun Salim Mulla said he had seen youths chewing the tobacco, which comes in a variety of fruit flavours and is often brightly coloured.

Dangers include a risk of poisoning from colourings, as well as permanent mouth sores and cancers

The Blackburn with Darwen Council Forum meeting, on Thursday, had already heard the local authority was taking a hard line on the sale of illicit tobacco.

Echoing calls by Coun Roy Davies for a crackdown on people who buy tobacco for youngsters, Coun Mulla urged further

Citizen In brief

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SHISHA: A shisha pipe smoker

He said: "I'm really glad that the council is clamping down on this, but there needs to be a further clampdown.

"I still see some kids with the

small packets of tobacco. The tobacco is mixed with some other ingredients. I have seen them standing around, opening

the packets outside corner shops. "What they do is put it in their hand, mix it and then put it in their mouth. I see a lot of kids doing this, so maybe it is something we need to look at.

Coun Yusuf Jan-Virmani, executive member for neighbourhoods and customer services, said it was a particular problem in the Asian communi-

He said ingredients in shisha tobacco, including colouring agents, made it unsuitable for chewing, and dangerous.

"We take this issue very seriously," he said.

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SONGWRITER: Hugh Cornwell will be previewing songs from his album, and mixing in some songs from the Stranglers

For his forthcoming appearance at Darwen Library Theatre, Hugh Cornwell is planning to offer fans a little insight into what makes him tick.

'I've got plenty to go at," he said from his hotel room in upstate New York. "I've been working on the show set for a couple of weeks now. I'm just put the finishing touches to my latest album Totem and Taboo, which will be my 10th solo album, so I think I'll be previewing some of the songs from that. Plus I've got all my other solo work and then I'll mix in some songs from the Stranglers.

"But I've also pulled out a few songs I grew up with, the songs which turned me on to music, so I've been working on an old Everly Brothers song and a Ricky Nelson cover.'

From his early days with The Stranglers, one of the most influential punk and new wave bands, to his current position as one of the elder statesmen of

Hugh Cornwell, ex-quitarist and singer with The Stranglers, is to play an acoustic show at Darwe Library Theatre. JOHN ANSON caught up with him...

songwriting, Hugh has never lost his passion for music.

With the acoustic tour, Hugh is deliberately playing more intimate venues.

"The acoustic shows are pretty intense," he said. "If there's a bar in the room and people are standing they tend to start talking. That's not too bad when you've got a full band behind you, but when it's just you and a guitar it's very off-putting for both me and the rest of the audience. Therefore I've made a conscious decision to play in theatres. I think a seated audience immediately treats the show as more of a performance and listens." ■ Hugh Cornwell, Darwen Library Theatre, Sunday, February 5. Details from 01254 706006.

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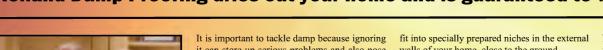
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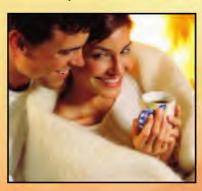
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